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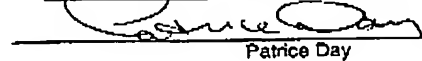
**BOSE MCKINNEY & EVANS LLP****CUSTOMER NUMBER 25267**2700 First Indiana Plaza  
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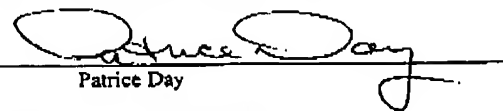
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Communication dated January 11, 2005, and prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.